

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 34 were originally presented by Applicants. Claims 1, 3-4, 8 and 14-34 are canceled. Claims 35-36 are added. Therefore, claims 2, 5-7, 9-13 and 35-36 are pending in this application.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 5-7, and 9-34 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomason. However, the Examiner also indicated that claims 3-4 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of what was previously claim 3, and new claim 35 incorporates the limitations of what was previously claim 4. Claim 11 is amended to depend from claim 2. Finally, new claim 36 incorporates the limitations previously found in claim 8.

As each pending claim now incorporates subject matter found patentable by the Examiner, the Examiner is asked to withdraw the rejection and issue a Notice of Allowance.

If any matters remain outstanding prior to allowance of the claims, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (415) 875-2358 or via e-mail at dbrownstone@fenwick.com. Applicants acknowledge that a copy of any electronic mail communications will be made of record in the application file per MPEP § 502.03.

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